Implementation of rehabilitation programme

709. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Package as contained in G.O. No. 49019/4/86—CP/LSW dated 19th October, 1990 issued by the Coal Department has been implemented in the coal mines of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the names of the coal mines, number of beneficiaries, details of their rehabilitation, expenditure incurred on this account, subsidiary-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the difficulties being faced in getting the physical possession of the land required for coal projects Department of Coal had extended the benefits of the rehabilitation package sanctioned from the families displaced by the Sonegur Bazari Opencast project (West Bengal), to all coal and lignite projects through a circular issued in October, 1990. Names of the mines in which this package has been implemented, number of beneficiaries and other such details are being collected and information to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of land for mining purpose by Eastern Coalfields Limited

710. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eastern Coal fields Limited approached the district authorities for the conversion of land for mining purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since lands have been acquired for mining purpose in accordance with the provisions of Coal Bearing Areas Act and Land Acquisition Act, no permission for conversion of land is required.

Exploitation of coal in Andhra Pradesh

711. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister ofCOAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted some proposals to the Central Govrnment for exploitation of coal in the State :

(b) if so, whether these proposals have been considered.

(c) if so, whether any areas for exploitation of coal in Andhra Pradesh are being considered during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total coal required annually in Andhra Pradesh and the quantity of coal supplied by Government;

(f) whether Government have taken any steps to meet the entire demand of Coal of the State during 1994-95; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) Singareni Collieries Company Ltd have formulated a plan for increasing coal production from a level of 25.21 million tonnes (1993-94) to